

REMARKS

The Office Action and references cited therein have been carefully reviewed. The following remarks herein are considered to be responsive thereto. Claims 6, 7, 8 and 15 have been cancelled and claims 1-5, 9-14 and 16 remain in this application.

REJECTIONS AS TO FORM

The Examiner objected to claims 8 and 9 of the present application due to the apparent misspelling of the words "transparent" in claim 8 and "electrophoretic" in claim 9.

Claim 8 has been cancelled and claim 9 has appropriately been amended in the present application. The Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of these objections.

REJECTIONS AS TO SUBSTANCE

The Examiner rejected claims 6, 7, 8 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,995,188 issued to Shimizu, et al.

Claims 6, 7, 8 and 15 have been cancelled in this application.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-5 and 16 of the present application and objected to claims 9-14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, wherein the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the Examiner's findings, the Applicants have amended claims 9, 10, 11 and 14 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims upon which they respectively depend.

Therefore, claims 9-14 are allowable over the art of record in this pending case. Pursuant to the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending application is believed to be warranted. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow all remaining claims and pass this case on to issue. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to directly contact the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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